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To: Office of Policy and Planning

From: Maggie Joyce, Policy Analyst

Date: May 11 2016

Re: AT Bridge Work- Wildermine Project

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) received a request for comment from the Watauga Ranger District of the Cherokee National Forest on the proposed AT Bridge Work-Wildermine Project, which is categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to 36 CFR 220.6 (e)(1). The Forest Service proposes demolishing an existing trail bridge, including deck, abutments and sills, and construction of a replacement bridge sited approximately 20 feet downstream of the existing location.

TDEC's Division of Natural Areas (DNA) and Tennessee State Parks and Real Property Management have reviewed the proposed project and supporting materials and have indicated that it is not necessary for the department to provide comments.

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